

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

"Mine is not to reason why, mine is but to do or die." We can't count the times mother said this, but it was a bunch. It was used for several things, including a response to any one of her children that might be asking "Why Mother?" when she had no good answer. Our Eye Zone Newspaper In Education feature this week, on page 3, is a reminder of the fact she had read Lord Tennyson's memorable poem "The Charge of the Light Brigade" and remembered at least those two lines of it, even if she did personalize them a bit.

There continues to be tidbits about area football players in the news releases from the state athletic association. This week it includes two young men. Brandon Kelley of Elba completed 9 of 10 passes for 241 yards and five touchdowns in a 48-8 triumph over Samson. Also Hunter Wise (Zion Chapel) rushed for 244 yards and two touchdowns (1 and 88 yards) and Abe Childs added 138 yards rushing and two scores (35 and 46 yards) in Zion Chapel's 50-20 victory over Kinston. Here is a prime local example of mixed emotions. A young man and/or his team from just north of Elba gets in the record book, but at the expense of another group of young men from just south of Elba. However that is one of the things our youth are supposed to get from sports competitions . . . to "grow" and be prepared to compete in the world.

A group of government, business and civic leaders from across the state were scheduled to join Governor Bob Riley in Birmingham Wednesday (yesterday) as he unveiled his next major reform of state government: SMART Governing. This builds upon Riley's initiative launched in 2004 to make state budgets transparent and linked to measurable results. We hope this is real good stuff and not more fodder for re-election efforts.

Hurricane Wilma has come and gone, leaving millions of Florida folks without electric power to help them pick up the pieces. Florida Governor Jeb Bush said something at a press conference that has been on our mind (and lots of other folk's) also following that storm. He noted that these weather reporters (we think he said characters) who purposely position themselves in the path of storms are causing many people to think it is a fun thing to do. Governor Bush has repeatedly, and successfully, shown how to manage things in a disaster. Somehow we don't think the Mayor of New Orleans nor the Governor of Louisiana have learned that secret and will not until either can admit their errors of Hurricane Katrina. An example are the complaints that FEMA didn't answer 911 calls fast enough -- then and now ALL 911 calls are answered locally.

Last Thursday we were at the state capitol as part of a rather large appointed task force of folks assigned to recommend wording of a bill to be introduced in an upcoming legislative session. Our short, prepared presentation as the meeting opened didn't really shake the world, but we were in there pitching - and will continue to do so.

Elba Police Report

MONDAY, OCT. 17 - Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, October 17, 2005, investigated the following incidents: one fugitive from justice, one theft of property, one harassing communications, one reckless endangerment, one criminal mischief, one incest, three for assault, three for harassment, five for domestic violence, one driving under the influence, one for menacing, one theft of services, one house damaged and one family dispute.

The following arrests were made: one of a fugitive from justice, one for disorderly conduct, one for resisting arrest, one for assault, four for domestic violence, one for failure to appear, one for possession of marijuana and one for driving under the influence. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: eight for speeding, two for running a stop sign, one for no insurance, one for loud music, one for an open container, one for a suspended driver's license and three for not wearing a seat belt.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: **MONDAY, OCT. 17** - Burglary (not in progress) reported at 140 Larkin Rd. (4:56 p.m.). **TUESDAY, OCT. 18** - River stage - 7.58 feet (7:00 a.m.); Coffey County EMS dispatched to Putnam St. (8:54 a.m.); Coffey County EMS dispatched to 149

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 19 - River stage - 7.58 feet (7:06 a.m.); Flight in progress reported at 1032 Martin Luther King Dr., Lot 2 (4:05 p.m.); Coffey County EMS dispatched to 1032 Martin Luther King Dr. (4:12 p.m.); Coffey County EMS dispatched to 26144 Hwy. 87 (5:13 p.m.); Coffey County EMS dispatched to 2380 County Rd. 201 (6:35 p.m.).

THURSDAY, OCT. 20 - Elba Fire Department dispatched to assist Opp Fire Dept. on Hwy. 84 W. (9:21 a.m.); Wreck reported at Hwy. 84 E. and County Rd. 264 (12:10 p.m.); Coffey County EMS dispatched to 225 Dr. Roberts Dr. (1:28 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at the north wing of the emergency room (6:36 p.m.); Flight in progress reported near OK Tire (9:35 p.m.).

FRIDAY, OCT. 21 - Disturbance (noise) reported at 607 Mullins Circle (2:49 a.m.); River stage - 7.18 feet (7:00 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported in the Big/Little parking lot (3:17 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a woods fire on Hwy. 87 N. (9:49 p.m.); Coffey County EMS dispatched to 1690 County Rd. 127 (11:18 p.m.).

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Kinston enjoys 2005 Homecoming parade



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JEFF PORTWOOD

Jeff Portwood died Tuesday October 25, 2005 at his residence in the Roeton Community. He was 39 years old. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday for Rev. Dr. J. Portwood, his grandparents Foy and Annie Lou Portwood and Tony and Nettie Alcorn. Mr. Portwood was a member of the Roeton Baptist Church, a 1984 graduate of Antion High School.

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Debbie Portwood of the Roeton Community; one daughter, Megan Portwood and one son Taylor Portwood; his mother, Mary Ann Johnson; sister, Carin Hughes of Ozark, Ala and one brother, Jonathan Batchelor of Hattaway, Ala. Several nieces and nephews survive.

He was preceded in death by his father, Johnny Portwood, his grandparents Foy and Annie Lou Portwood and Tony and Nettie Alcorn. Mr. Portwood was a member of the Roeton Baptist Church, a 1984 graduate of Antion High School.

God Saw You...

By unknown

God saw you getting tired,
when a cure was not to be.
So He wrapped his arms around you,
And whispered, "Come to me,"
You didn't deserve what you went through,
So He gave you rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He only takes the best.
And when I saw you sleeping,
So peaceful and free from pain
I could not wish you back
To suffer that again.

We would like to thank everyone for your kindness, the food, prayers and special friendship. Our father is gone but will never be forgotten. I believe the special memories from those who cared about our dad made a difference in our hearts and helped us to replace the sadness.

Family of Braxton Maynard Brunson
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Your friends at Haywood's Discount Drugs will not only be honored to help you choose a plan, but will be grateful to fill your prescriptions once again. Check out Medicare Part D prescription coverage at **HAYWOOD'S DISCOUNT DRUGS** 806 Alabama Hwy. 203 in Elba, next to Dollar General store.

*** THANKS ***

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the editor:
Don't Trust Trial Bar To Select Our Judges

The push for judicial selection by the Alabama Bar Association reeks of misdirection and deception, and reflects why Alabama Voters Against Lawsuit Abuse is against it.

AVALA opposes judicial selection so long as the Alabama trial bar has anything to do with it because AVALA doesn't trust the trial bar. No one should. There's reason aplenty to support this stance.

The rationale given by trial lawyer and ABA president Bobby Segall for merit selection of judges is to end "expensive, divisive" campaigns. La de dah, who started the expensive, divisive kind of campaign Segall talks about? The trial lawyers did, purely and simply and provably.

It was year 2000 before business interests were able to match the trial lawyers on overall spending for judicial elections. And

trial lawyer backed ads against candidate Harold See in 1996 were called by some national observers the "bloodiest" seen. Trial lawyer ads in 1998 and 2000 were of the same ilk.

The fact that ABA endorsed merit selection in 1997 is laughably transparent. Conservative Republican Perry Hooper was elected chief justice in 1994 (the trial lawyers sacrificed millions in a blatant attempt to disenfranchise voters and steal that election, remember?) and conservative Republican Harold See was elected in 1996. Those elections were writing on the wall for trial lawyers.

It is the same, predictable old squalor: the trial lawyers create a problem, then whine because someone fixes it. Wealthy personal injury trial lawyers created the problem. Remove them from the equation and then let's talk about it.

Sincerely,
Skip Tucker, Director
Alabama Voters Against
Lawsuit Abuse

Christmas Festival pageants set for Nov. 4

The annual Christmas Festival Pageants will be held Friday, Nov. 4, at 6 p.m. at the Elba High School auditorium.

Dress will be Christmas, and the pageant is not limited to Elba residents only. There is an entry fee that should be submitted with the bio sheet which can be picked up at the Chamber office or Elba and Zion Chapel Elementary Schools.

Practice will be held Thursday, Nov. 3, at 6 p.m. This is not a mandatory practice; however, those not attending should submit the bio sheet and entry fee prior to this practice so a number can be drawn for the contestant.

Divisions are as follows: Baby Miss (birth to 12 months); Tiny Tot Miss (13 months to 2 years); Little Miss (3 years to 4 years); Little Miss (K through 2nd grade); Mini Miss (3rd through 4th grade); and Junior Miss (5th through 6th grade).

Pre-need funeral planning now available at
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JERRY HORACE WEED

Mr. Jerry Horace Weed, age 57, of Andalusia, Ala. and formerly of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Oct. 21, 2005.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2005 at Newbia Baptist Church in Elba with Bro. Wayne Webber officiating.

Mr. Weed was preceded in death by his father, William Horace Weed; and grandparents, Henry and Lucille Bryan.

Survivors include his wife: Ann Marie Weed; three daughters: Chas (Jason) Jinnright, Amanda (Shawn) Blouin and Beverly (Ricky) Thomaston; two sons: Hanson and Jason Weed; mother: Ellen Paravicini; a sister: Joan (George) Downing; and four grandchildren.

SAMI CREEL JOHNSON
Ms. Sami Creel Johnson, age 45, of Coffee Springs, Ala., died Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005.

Funeral services were held Oct. 26, 2005 at Patterson-Sorells Chapel with Rev. Bruce Williams officiating. Burial followed in Meadowlawn Cemetery with Patterson-Sorells Funeral Home directing.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Foy M. Reeves Sr. and Virginia Thomas Reeves; and a brother, Foy M. Reeves Jr. Survivors include two daughters: Jenny Aaron Creel Spaulding, Delisa Lisha Creel, both of

Wetumpka, Ala.; two sons:

Danny, Colson, Wetumpka, Ala.; one sister: Virginia Reeves, Elba; a special friend: Woody Johnson, Coffee Springs; and one grandchild.

ESSIE MAE PHELPS

Mrs. Essie Mae Phelps, age 81, of Elba, Ala., died Monday, Oct. 24, 2005 at her residence.

Funeral services were held Oct. 25, 2005 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Howard Moore officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include a daughter: Judy Compton, Elba; three sons: Billy Ray Phelps, Enterprise, Ala., Donald Mack Phelps, Belton, Texas, Danny Earl Phelps, Tallahassee, Fla.; one sister: Gladys Dunn, Opp, Ala.; two brothers: Aaron Brooks, Crestview, Fla., Paul Hattaway, Florida, Ala.; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

ROBERT EUGENE ANDERSON

Mr. Robert Eugene Anderson, age 82, of Carrabelle, Fla., died Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005 at Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan, Ala.

Gravestone memorial services will be held for Mr. Anderson, his wife, Ms. Billie Maxine Nealey Anderson and a step son, E. Dru Nealey at Zion Chapel

Baptist Church Cemetery

Sunday, Oct. 30, 2005 at 1 p.m. with Rev. Chris Barrow officiating. Burial followed in the Zion Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery, Jack, Ala. with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include a sister-in-law Sarah Fuller and a brother-in-law Billy Fuller of Jack.

SANDRA HENSLEY WISE
Mrs. Sandra Hensley Wise, age 56, died October 16, 2005. Funeral services were held

Oct. 18, 2005 at St. Stephens

Episcopal Church of Birmingham, Ala.

Survivors include her husband: Herbert Douglas Wise; two sons: Joseph Collins (Allison) Wise and James Penland Wise; parents: Mr. and Mrs. Marble John Hensley Sr., Chattanooga, Tenn.; twin sister: Carol Hensley (Joe) Hasty, Atlanta, Ga.; sister: Kathryn Hensley (Ternace) MacFarlane; and brother: Marble John (Michele) Hensley Jr.

Card of Thanks

The **Lucy W. Wise Family** would like to express their appreciation for the prayers and concerns during the recent death of our loved one.

A special thank you to the Elba Nursing Home, Dr. Dyess, the First Baptist Church and our dear friends and neighbors on Sunset Blvd. and Morrow Ave. for your extreme kindness and comfort during our loss.

The Lucy Wise Family

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"Their's not to reason why ...
Their's but to do and die"

It is only because England's poet laureate wrote a poem about this incident in the Crimean War that the world remembers it. Otherwise, it would be a forgotten chapter in a dusty history book. The title of the chapter would be "Leadership Builders Kill Nearly 200 Cavalrymen."

In late November 1854, Alfred Lord Tennyson read a report in the London Times about the Battle of Balaklava. It so moved him that he penned "The Charge of the Light Brigade." Ever since, a British regiment's suicidal attack in the wrong direction, has been commemorated as a glorious example of heroism and devotion to duty.

The facts of the debacle are straightforward. During the Battle of Balaklava, Lord Raglan, the British commander, directed his troops from a hill-top overlooking the battlefield. Below him, open fields stretched for half a mile before another hill opposite Raglan's position rose up to create a valley. When Raglan looked across the valley, it extended more than a mile to his left before opening onto a broad plain. Near the opening was a Russian artillery battery, blocking the end of the valley. On both hills between Raglan and the Russian battery were Russian soldiers.

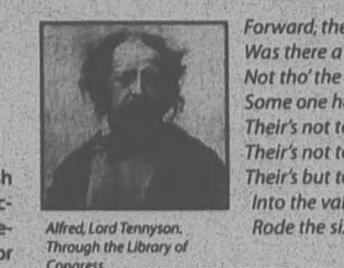
Raglan saw Russian troops capture a British artillery unit on top of the opposite hill, and the victors began hauling away the British guns. To prevent losing their artillery, Raglan ordered Major General George Bingham, commander of the heavy and light brigades to send his light brigade across the fields and up the hill to attack the Russians. As Bingham was with his brigades in the fields below him, he sent his aide, Captain Louis Nolan down the hill to deliver his order that said:

"Lord Raglan wishes the cavalry to advance rapidly to the front, follow the enemy & try to prevent the enemy from carrying away the guns. Troop Horse Artillery may accompany. French cavalry is on your left." The order confused Bingham, because neither the British artillery nor the Russians stop the opposite hill were visible from the valley floor. He asked Captain Nolan for clarification of the target. Nolan appeared to point towards the Russian artillery at the end of the valley, saying: "There, my Lord. There is your enemy! There are your guns!" It was the wrong target.

Bingham then ordered the Light Brigade's commander, Captain James Brudenell, to assemble his men and attack the Russian position he thought Bingham had indicated. After looking down the valley, Brudenell said to Bingham: "Certainly, Sir, but allow me to point out to you that the Russians have a battery in the valley in our front, and batteries and riflemen on each flank."

Bingham replied: "I know it, but Lord Raglan will have it. We have no choice but to obey." Tennyson's poem describes what followed:

Alfred Tennyson
This resource is part of the Victorian Web, a collection of resources about nineteenth century England. George Landow, who teaches at Bowdoin University, led the team that developed the Victorian Web. The collection of Tennyson resources includes a biographical entry, his complete works, articles about living conditions, social behavior, and technological advances in Victorian England.
Web Address: <http://www.victorianweb.org/landow>



Alfred Lord Tennyson, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," through the Library of Congress.

Forward, the Light Brigade!
Was there a man dismay'd?
Not though the soldier knew
Some one had blunder'd:
Their's not to make reply,
Their's not to reason why,
Their's but to do and die,
Into the valley of Death
Rode the six hundred.

Stunned Russian soldiers watched 673 British cavalrymen gallop down the valley towards the Russian positions. On both hills, Russian soldiers waited for the defenseless horsemen to pass before them. When the British were within rifle range, the Russians opened fire. As bullets rained down, men and horses fell like autumn leaves in a strong wind. Twenty-five minutes later, it was over. Almost 200 men and nearly five hundred horses lay dying.

According to the London Times, it was "an atrocity without parallel." Tennyson, who wrote many poems during his lifetime, never again touched his countrymen so deeply as he did with the poem penned to honor the heroic members of the Light Brigade.

When can their glory fade?
O the wild charge they made!
All the world wonder'd.
Honour the charge they made!
Honour the Light Brigade,
Noble six hundred!

Find out more about one of the nineteenth century's great poets, and the military blunder that inspired his poem. Take The Web Journey.

Next Week:
The Other Fascist Dictator.

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK!



Artis Unknown

On October 28, 1919, Congress passed the Volstead Act in response to the ratification of the eighteenth amendment to the Constitution. Fourteen years later, in 1933, the eighteenth amendment was repealed when the twenty-first amendment was passed, making it the only Constitutional amendment ever repealed. What did the Volstead Act do?

Do you need to find the answer, or get more information? Go to <http://tinyurl.com/9v236t>

BEYOND OUR BORDERS



Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka Ceylon, Through Global Geography, Park Service

Sri Lanka is an island nation in the southern Indian Ocean. Until 1972, its name was Ceylon, and from 1796 until 1948, it was a British colony. At the time of its independence, Ceylon was among the most prosperous and best managed countries in Asia. Its schools were the envy of Asia, and its economy ranked second only to Japan. Since then, its economy has collapsed, the education system has disintegrated, and there has been twenty years of guerrilla warfare. What happened?

Find out why Ceylon/Sri Lanka is now a shell of its former self. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/9v236t>

Elba Clipper

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LIFESTYLES

Miss Darnell & Mr. Cain to be united in holy matrimony Saturday, December 10th

Connie Mac and Cyndi Darnell announce the engagement of their daughter, Laura Susan Darnell of Augusta to William Springer Cain III of Columbus. The wedding is planned for December 10 at Martha Bowman Memorial United Methodist Church.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mrs. Jackson William Stokes and the late Mr. Jackson William Stokes of Elba, Ala., and Mrs. William Reese Darnell and the late Mr. William Reese of Titus, Ala. A 2000 graduate of First Presbyterian Day School, she is currently a fourth year Doctor of Pharmacy candidate at the University of Georgia.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Hamlin Hannibal Griffin of Griffin and Mrs. William Springer Cain Sr. of Columbus. A 1999 graduate of Brookstone School in Columbus, he received a Bachelor of Business Administration-Management degree from the University of Georgia Terry College of Business in 2003.



Miss Laura Susan Darnell

WCC/Sunsouth Bank offer Scholarships

Wallace Community College is currently accepting applications for assistance for spring term 2006 from a fund was established to help single mothers meet their educational needs. Up to five awards will be made to assist with tuition, fees and/or books up to \$500 per recipient. Candidates may be new or existing students applying for spring term 2006. Applicant must demonstrate financial need and maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5. The application deadline is October 28. For more information or to pick up an application, contact the WCC Financial Aid Office at 556-2479.

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Garwood, Julie — Slow Burn
Harrison, Stuart — The Snow Falcon
Higgins, Jack — Without Mercy
Hooper, Kay — Always a Thief
Mitchell, Kirk — Sky Woman
Parker, Robert B. — School Days
Perdue, Lewis — Slatwiper
Roberts, Nora — Blue Smoke
Siddons, Anne Rivers — Sweetwater Creek
Sparks, Nicholas — A Bend in the Road
LARGE PRINT FICTION:
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Feehan, Christine — The Scarlet Cane
Hunter, Madeline — Lord of Sin
Miller, Linda Lael — Secondhand Bride
Miller, Linda Lael — Shotgun Bride
Miller, Linda Lael — High Country Bride
Miller, Linda Lael — McKetrick's Choice
Nehring, Radine — A Treasure to Die For
Pasek, Katherine — The Body in the Snowdrift
Quinn, Julia — Brighter Than the Sun: Everything and the Moon
Roberts, Nora — Lilah
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Kincaid, Thomas — A New Leaf
Lewis, Beverly — The Revelation
Wick, L. — Mountain and the Millpond
NONFICTION:
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Baxter, Freddie Mae — The Seventh Child: A Lucky Life
Fink, Mitchell — Never Forget: Oral History of Sept 11
Goldberg, Bernard — 100 People Who Are Screwing Up America
Lucado, Max — The Best of Max Lucado: Ben Franklin Better Homes and Gardens New Cookbook Taste of Home Holiday: Celebrations Cookbook 2005 World Travel Guide
UNABRIDGED BOOKS ON TAPE:
Diamond, Anita — The Last Days of Dogtown
Smith, Alexander McCall — Friends, Lovers, Chocolate
UNABRIDGED BOOKS ON CD:
Brown, Dan — The da Vinci Code
Brown, Dan — Deception Point
Cornwell, Patricia — Trace
CHILDREN'S FICTION:
Sullivan, E.J. — The Alabama Night Before Christmas



THE ANNUAL MS. LBW-MACARTHUR CAMPUS PAGEANT will be held Thursday, November 3, 2005, in the Conference Center on the MacArthur Campus of LBW Community College. The pageant begins at 7 p.m. and the public is invited. Admission is free. Vying for the title of Ms. LBW-MacArthur 2005-2006 are - left to right first row: Talecia Chambers, Nikki Neal, Marissa Barefoot, and Katie Biggs. Second row left to right: Kala Anderson, Kaci Grantham, Bridget Moore, Summer Comer, Marissa Williams, and Ali Taunton.



Noah Reid Nolin

Noah Reid Nolin is one year old

Noah Reid Nolin, son of Dale and Shasta Nolin of New Brockton, celebrated his first birthday September 25. Grandparents are Audrey Simmons of Elba and Ed Simmons of Jack and Doug and Doris Nolin of New Brockton.

Laura Davis celebrates 4th birthday

Laura Katherine, daughter of Brett and Karen Davis, celebrated her fourth birthday on September 21st, 2005.

Laura was joined by family and friends for her Spiderman themed party.

Grandparents are Becky and Don Morrow and Barbara and Robert Davis, all of Elba, Jimmie and Jim Rhoades of Kinston.

Great grandmother, Ethel Waller, resides in Elba.

Chestnut Grove Community Cemetery, County Rd. 110, Jack will hold their annual meeting Thursday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. at Chestnut United Methodist Church.

NEW BROCKTON HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

12th Grade:
Ashlie Caylor, Derrick Cook, Brittney Donaldson, Whitney Donaldson, Emily Hardman, Stephen Hines, Brenna Motley, Katy Richardson, Kayleigh Watson, Chelsea Wood

11th Grade:
Emilee Dunn, Kristine Fitzgerald, Andrew Fuller, John Hester, Kwanina Neal, Josh Roberts, Ginny Smith, Kurlite Stanton, Rachel Troyer

10th Grade:
Alexa Adams, Brandon Griswold, Heath Hollis, Natalie Mahan, Tyler Moore, Jamie Motley, Tory Stone, Kenzie Tipton

9th Grade:
Dixi Boswell, Emily Bowers, Shelby Brown, Seth Culverhouse, Logan Hall, Chelsea Lindsey, Letai Maywood, Tavin McHair, Brandon Nichols, John Osborn, Brad Sewell, Georgia Smith, Lyndsey Tillery

8th Grade:
Daniel Kelley, Monica Largess, Bethany Milligan, Kendall Persin, Aaron Pope, Beth Vaughan

7th Grade:
Justin Corbett, Adam Crosby, Justin Corbett, Adam Crosby, Justin Corbett, Adam Crosby, Justin Corbett, Adam Crosby

6th Grade:
Justin Corbett, Adam Crosby, Justin Corbett, Adam Crosby, Justin Corbett, Adam Crosby, Justin Corbett, Adam Crosby

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NEW ARRIVAL

SADIE GRACE HAWKINS



Sadie Grace Hawkins

Jason and Stephanie Hawkins of Phenix City, Ala. announce the birth of their daughter, Sadie Grace Hawkins, born October 10, 2005 at Doctor's Hospital in Columbus, Ga. Sadie weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

Grandparents are Pat and Debra Crosby of Elba and Al and Julie Hawkins of Nashville, Tenn.

Great-grandparents are L.P. and Corene Gay of Enterprise, and Al and Frances Beswick of Evansville, Ind.

She has one brother, Timothy, age 12.

NEW ARRIVAL

JACOB ELIJAH BARBACCIA



Jacob Elijah Barbaccia

John and Deana (West) Barbaccia announce the birth of their son, Jacob Elijah Barbaccia. He was born September 4, 2005 and weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce and was 20 1/2 inches in length. He was welcomed home by his brother Joshua and sister Candice.

Jacob is the grandson of Willard and Dot Whitehead of Enterprise, Ala., Monte West of Kansas, Charlotte Williams of Level Plains, and John and Pat Barbaccia of Southern Pines, N.C.

He is the great-grandson of Marie Barbaccia of Southern Pines and Charles Barnes of MO.

Happy Halloween

ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA 897-2006

SCRIPTURE: 1 PETER 1:1-25

***THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU:

Rev. John Gray, Murry and Phyllis Barnes, Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr., Johnnie Ruth Belcher, Ada Jones, Estella Williams, Lizzie Tyson, Helen Phillips

***DEACON'S & LAYMEN'S UNION:

Mulberry Baptist District Ministries, Deacons and Laymen's Union will convene at the Friendship Baptist Church, Glenwood, Ala. on October 30, 2005 at 9:45 a.m.

***AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY:

Did you know? In 1996, 300 of the 8,200 Congressional stoppers were African American.

Did you know? In 1993, Barbara Ross-Lee became the first African American Woman to head a U.S. medical school, the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Athens, Ohio.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Program of Retirement honoring Rev. John L. Gray for 50 years of service as a minister will be held Oct. 30, 2005 at 2:30 p.m. at Poplar Springs Missionary Baptist Church in

New Brockton, Ala. The guest speaker is Dr. J. Alfred Reid, Pastor of First Missionary Baptist Church of Disputant, Va.

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SCHOOLS

Faculty Spotlight

by Sydney Brunson



Mrs. Wanda Bucklew is one of the many new faces at Elba High.

Mrs. Bucklew or "Mrs. B" as we call her, is an English teacher as well as the journalism sponsor. She is a graduate of Opp high school. She received her Bachelor's degree from AUM, her Master's from TSU and TSUD for her second Master's. Mrs. Bucklew is currently working on obtaining her Educational Specialist.

She has previously taught at Kinston, Opp, Zion Chapel and Pleasant Home. She has been married to her husband Mike for 28 years. He is a teacher at Straughn. They have two sons, Brandon, age 9, and Britt, age 7. Mrs. Bucklew loves all animals and sports.

Medlock prepares for junior miss program's state level

by Tori Brooks

Earlier this year, Casey Medlock was named Coffee County Junior Miss 2006.

This event is definitely not a pageant; it is a scholarship program that focuses on academics, ACT/SAT scores, interviews, fitness, and poise. Casey proved the entire night that she has what it takes to be Coffee County Junior Miss 2006.

Casey was very surprised when she was given the title. She could not believe that she had just been given \$4,000 in scholarship money and had just been named Coffee County Junior Miss.

Many responsibilities came to participate in the program. She had to go through an interview, which required her being up to date on current events. Casey also had to be in a fitness program, poise, routine and perform a piece on the piano for the talent portion of the program.

Now, she has to learn many



Tiger Tales

Editors: Shawanna Wright & Melanie Mularz

Waddail selected for tournament teams

by Kayla Kelley

Elba High School's very own Ashleigh Hayden Waddail was selected for All-Tournament Teams at various tournaments throughout the volleyball season.

Ashleigh was chosen for the tournament teams for the 22nd Annual Kinston Set-Off Tournament, 3rd Annual Providence Tournament, Andalusia Tournament and 1st Annual Elba Volleyball Classic.

These teams were voted on by the head coaches of all teams present. The players were selected by exemplifying the best skill and athletic ability on the court.

Typically, six girls are picked to be on the All-Tournament Team at every tournament. Ashleigh received a plaque for honor that will be cherished forever.

We would like to commend Ashleigh for her great efforts and hard work. She is an excep-



Elba Lady Tiger Ashleigh Waddail

tional volleyball player and this is only one of her many achievements she has received for her dedication.

Tryouts held for 7th and 8th grade basketball teams

by Duke Carr

Basketball season is underway at Elba High School, and the 7th and 8th grade basketball teams recently held tryouts for the upcoming season.

On Oct. 11th, the 8th grade boys were back on the court, striving towards another perfect season.

Head Coach Brian Weeks will be leading the young players in the upcoming season. Although the team lost a few of their players, they still are a very talented squad.

With only eight players on the team, the task of having another undefeated season will not be easy. However, Coach Weeks has been around for quite a few years and will manage to use his talent wisely.

On October 12th, the young 7th graders were given their chance to make the team. Each player was judged on certain offense, defense, and agility drills.

When all was said and done, nine talented players were awarded a spot on the 7th grade



The 7th Grade Basketball Team includes (back, left to right) Xavier Rodgers, Braun Robinson, Sandarius Reed, Randell Solomon and O'Shea Dean; (front, left to right) Kendrick Robertson, Devonta Tillis, Michael Martin and Chance Goosby.

team. The young players will be taught the basic skills that they will need to succeed.

With Coach Karl Bledsoe's knowledge of the game and the athletic talent in the players, the season should be very interesting to watch.

The two teams will be heading into action later on the month. Come out and support the Elba Tigers!!!!

E.E.S. plans Fall Festival

by Shawanna Wright

Thursday, Oct. 27, the Elementary PTO will sponsor a Fall Festival from 5:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. throughout the elementary school.

The Fall Festival will consist of a bake sale, a cakewalk, a variety of games, prizes, tattoos, and a hayride.

Tickets for each game and festivity will be \$.50 apiece.

More information about the Fall Festival will be advertised around town in different places by grades 4-6 on posters. The person with the best poster will win a prize for that night. Pizza, hotdogs, and drinks will be available in the cafeteria to complete the family night of fun.



The 8th Grade Basketball Team includes (top, left to right) Justin McLaughlin, Donnell Horstead; (middle, left to right) Keith Rodgers, Kareem Silar, Kevin Allen; (bottom, left to right) Drona Reynolds, Jabari Cole and Stephen Magwood.

Elba High School's homecoming parade winners announced

CATEGORY I: Elba High School

- 1st Place: 9th grade "Beat the Panthers"
- 2nd Place: 11th grade "Punch the Panthers"
- 3rd Place: 10th grade "Hunt the Panthers"

CATEGORY II: Elba Elementary School

- 1st Place: TIE EES SGA "Twins the Night Before..."
- EES Kindergarten "Pop the Panthers"
- 2nd Place: EES 1st grade "Claw the Panthers"
- 3rd Place: EES 3rd grade "Pick the Panthers"

CATEGORY III: All other entries

- 1st Place: Termite Football players "Spook the Panthers"



The "Twins the Night Before..." float (shown above) tied with the "Pop the Panthers" float for first place in Category II.

- 2nd Place: Midget Football Players "Hang the Panthers Out to Dry"
- 3rd Place: Elba Study Club: Elba Royalty (City Queens)

Winners will receive certificates. A special thanks goes to everyone who had a part in making this one of the most successful homecomings ever.



ELBA HIGH SCHOOL ELECTS FBLA OFFICERS...The FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) is sponsored by Mrs. Ingrid Clark. The club recently elected officers for the 2005-2006 school year. The officers are (front, l to r) Kelecia Magwood, reporter; Rell Kelley, president; Mericka Crawford, parliamentarian; Denzell Neal, treasurer; (back l to r) Carlos Matias, devotion leader; and Jenae Wilson, vice president. Not Pictured: Shambria Samuels, secretary.

Juniors begin magazine sales/grad ads still available for seniors

by Christina Bryant

Juniors began magazine sales Oct. 17th; so if you have not

renewed your subscriptions to your favorite magazines, please notify a junior or Kathy Pattie. Each junior is expected to reach

a \$225 quota. A full 40% of all magazine sales go toward the prom.

Attention ALL Seniors and Parents, the Elba High School Journalism Staff is accepting its second round of Senior Grad-Ads. To purchase one, please see a Journalism Staff member or Wanda Bucklew.

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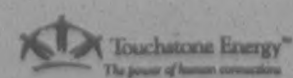
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SCHOOLS



Zion Chapel High School REBEL NEWS

Paige Watson, Sponsor



Zion Chapel enjoys Homecoming 2005

After a rough start to the season, the Rebels have finally shown what they can do!

The Varsity football team triumphed over McKenzie (33-0), St. Jude (35-24), and Goshen (43-24).

On Oct. 27th there were many activities relating to

Homecoming.

Alumni Day started these events off at 10 a.m. that morning and was followed by the annual homecoming parade at 1:30 p.m. There was also a pep rally following the parade on the football field.

Special events prior to the Homecoming game were the introduction of our 2005 Homecoming court and the announcement of our Homecoming Queen, Savannah Tidwell.

Congratulations to all of our attendees (9-12).

The Rebels battled the Pleasant Home Eagles at 7:00 that evening. We had many Rebels come out and show that they were proud to be from Zion Chapel.

The Rebel team defeated the Eagles (20-6).

Good job boys! We love you!

SAEC comes to Jack

South Alabama Electric Co. came to ZCCCLC to present programs on September 15 and September 22.

On September 15, Ms. Chellie Phillips presented the Vande Graff program on static electricity. For the older students she presented more advanced information about atoms, protons, neutrons, and electrons.

On September 22, Ms. Phillips carried the students on an energy scavenger hunt around campus. SAEC also provided video tapes and computer programs along with teacher's editions and worksheets to be used by our students and teachers.

SAEC will be coming back in November and December to do more programs.

Blue Cross/Blue Shield presents programs

The community relations department of Blue Cross Blue Shield presented three programs for the ZCCCLC students.

On September 12 and 13 Ms. Melissa Kimbro provided fun art activities for grades K-8th.

On September 19, Ms. Suzanne Sizemore presented a program for the 7th and 8th grades and also for some of Mrs. Page Watson's high school business classes, entitled Business Etiquette and Dress for Success.



Recently, Zion Chapel Elementary elected Little Mr. and Mrs. Homecoming for 2005. Chosen for Little Mr. Homecoming was Cincen Bright, daughter of Chad and Shan Bright. Little Mr. Homecoming was Blake Cobb, son of Dale and Kelly Cobb. Both Gracen and Blake are first graders in Mrs. Shasta Arnett's homeroom.

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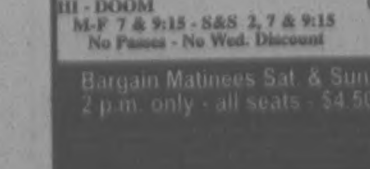
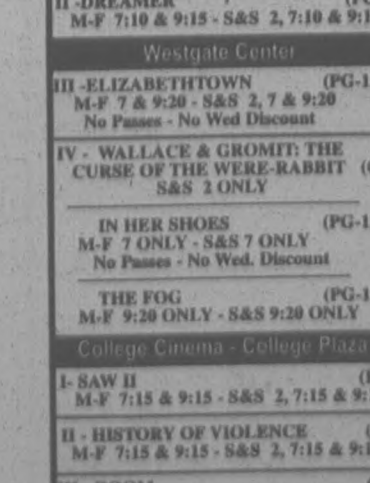
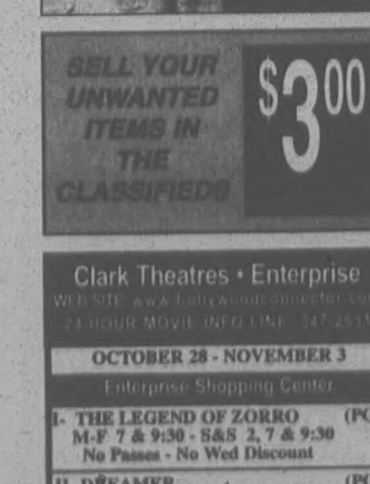
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SPORTS

Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Last weekend's cool weather had the Mularz family digging through closets and storage containers for coats and sweaters, and Melanie had to settle for a pair of Dad's old sweatpants as she headed out early Saturday morning for a long bus ride to Fairhope to compete in a volleyball tournament. The sweatpants weren't actually old, and to be honest had not even been worn. However, they didn't come close to fitting and served the purpose only because no one would see her during the bus ride.

TIGERS CLAIM SOLE POSSESSION OF FOURTH PLACE

The Elba Tigers claimed sole possession of fourth place in the region last week and upped their record to 5-4 with an easy 48-8 win over the out-matched Samson Tigers. The Tigers scored 42 points in the first half even though they only snapped the ball 12 times, and in the second half added six points despite having the ball for only five plays. The first half was a complete mismatch as Elba scored almost at will and Brandon Kelley completed 9 of 10 passes for 243 yards and five touchdowns. It was so bad that at the half Elba had 42 points and Samson had four first downs! The clock ran non-stop in the second half due to the lopsided score and Samson took advantage of a host of Elba reserves to score late as it avoided the shut-out. Every single player dressed out got to play for Elba, and on defense 24 players were in on tackles. It may have been boring to many of the fans, but all the players got the chance to play and that made it worth the trip.

I had been told prior to the game that the Samson fans wouldn't come out and support their players and that was certainly the case. Elba fans outnumbered Samson fans at least 5 to 1, and that was on the Samson side of the field alone. I hope something can be done to turn the Samson football program back around, because the students deserve better and deserve more support than was present last week.

NINTH WEEK OF SEASON WAS A BIG ONE

The ninth week of the high school football season is now in the books and it was a big week for three of the four teams in the area. Here's a look back....

*** NEW BROCKTON (5-4) - The Gamecocks snapped their three-game losing streak with an easy 39-7 win over Geneva County that wasn't as close as the score might make one think. The Gamecocks scored early and often to take a 30-7 lead in the second quarter and then let everyone in on the homecoming celebration as they got back in the win column. It was good to see the Gamecocks bounce back and show that "Gamecock Pride" is still alive and well!

*** ZION CHAPEL (5-4) - The Rebels punched their ticket into the playoffs with a big 50-20 win over Kinston and now have their eyes set on a winning record. Zion Chapel found itself in a ball game for almost three quarters, but took command late with its powerful running game and simply ran away and hid. Zion Chapel's 0-3 start is now just a bad memory and these Rebels are looking forward to the challenge that awaits in the playoffs. It may sound crazy, but these guys believe they can win and that's half the battle.

*** BRANTLEY (8-1) - The Bulldogs wrapped up their fourth straight undefeated run through the region with a 57-0 win over McKenzie in a game that saw nine different players cross the goal line. Brantley's last region loss was to Pleasant Home 22-13 way back in 2001, and since then the Bulldogs have made an annual event of paying the Eagles back as in the past four years they have outscored Pleasant Home by a combined score of 194-34. Brantley's 28-game region winning streak has convinced its region foes that the region crown truly belongs to the Bulldogs, and over the last four years the 'Dogs have outscored their region victims by a total score of 1,185 to 179. That is domination!

*** KINSTON (4-5) - The Bulldogs saw their post-season plans die with a 50-20 loss to Zion Chapel, but hung with the Rebels for almost three quarters and had their fans excited as they kept their playoff hopes alive for much of the game. The Bulldogs simply could not stop the Rebel running game, and saw a gallant effort fall short. Despite the loss, this year's Bulldogs showed again last week they can compete in football and will be a team to keep an eye on for years to come.

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WEEK #9 ACTION WAS EXCITING FOR FOOTBALL FANS

The ninth week of the high school football season marked the end of the region play and was a very exciting week for many teams across the state. Here's a quick look back....

*** Northview ended a five-year losing streak to its cross-town rivals as the Cougars outscored Dothan 30-20. The Cougars snapped their long losing streak last season and have now claimed four wins this season, including last week's big intra-city victory. Four wins don't make a season successful, but for the folks over at Northview there is no doubt the Cougars have risen back from the dead.

*** Houston Academy rallied late to force overtime and then escaped with a wild 30-22 overtime win over Houston County. The Raiders closed out the regular season with a 9-0 record and claimed the region title with the win, and Coach Rodney Dollar has proven to everyone in the area that he is indeed a winning coach and that the Raiders have become yet another private school power.

*** Carroll High, of Ozark, outscored Charles Henderson 34-28 to push its record to 6-3 and earned a home field advantage in the playoffs by locking down the #2 seed. The Eagles have been little more than just another team for years in football, but this season Coach Ronnie Cottrell has the Eagles at home in the playoffs and one win away from a rare seven-win season. Could this be just the start of even better things to come? Who knows?

*** Pike County clubbed Straughn 43-7 to wrap up the top seed in its region and the Bulldogs are many peoples pick to win the 3A state championship. Coach Wayne Grant has admitted this year's team may be one of his best ever, and last week's big win over a solid Straughn Tiger team was just another in a long list of examples of just how good they really are. Looks like someone has indeed let the 'Dogs out!

*** Geneva backed into the region title in 4A with a 21-7 win over Daleville and Trinity's upset loss to St. James. The Panthers have struggled at times in recent weeks after a fast start, but are still a very good team and now have the home field advantage in the upcoming state playoffs. If the Panthers can regain that spark they could very well make some noise in the post-season.

*** Opp saw its record slip to 1-8 with a 34-14 loss to Rehobeth and unless the Bobcats can pull a huge upset against Andalusia they are headed for one of their most disappointing seasons ever. The Bobcats were expected to fight for a region title and got a lot of ink before the season kicked off, but all that preseason hype is now long gone and many fans over in Opp will be glad when this season is finally over.

*** Enterprise got back in the win column with a 35-24 win over Smiths Station, but got perhaps its best news of the season after the game when it was announced that Jeff Davis had been forced to forfeit four games and that Robert E. Lee would be the Wildcats opening round opponent and not Carver. The once-proud Generals have been the whipping boy in Class 6A all season and have allowed over 50 points three times, while Carver is still considered a long shot for the state title. The 'Cats enjoyed two big wins in one last week.

*** and, Eufula slipped past Wetumpka in overtime to improve to 9-0 on the season. The Tigers were expected to have an easy time with the (5-4) visitors, but had to fight for their lives to hang their ninth win on the chart. Now everyone will wonder if the Tigers are really as good as their record might indicate.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** A youth football coach in Montgomery was arrested last week after shooting the boyfriend of his star player's mother after the man pulled the boy off the team. It was reported the man made the 12-year-old boy quit the team after he had gotten into trouble, and that the coach came to the boy's house and after an argument the shooting took place. The player, a running back on the team, was not at the home when the shooting took place, and the victim is expected to make a full recovery. Looks like this coach turned the tables on those parents that think their kids should play.

*** Alabama remained undefeated with a narrow 6-3 win over Tennessee and for the second week in a row the Crimson Tide had almost no offensive output. All the Bama fans were afraid the Tide would suffer when Tyrone Prothro went down with an injury, but not even the biggest pessimist thought his absence would shut down the offense totally. The Crimson Tide may be undefeated and ranked in the "Top 5." However, right now they look like anything but a national championship contender.

*** Auburn let one slip away Saturday night down at LSU and after the game many Tiger fans were fuming about the play of their quarterback and their lack of a kicking game. The Tigers had many chances to win the game and are still a very good team, but last weekend they simply couldn't get it done when they had to and the

Lady Tigers win 2A, Area 3 volleyball title

The Elba Lady Tigers hosted the Class 2A, Area 3 Volleyball Tournament last Monday afternoon at the Elba High gym and swept through three matches without losing a game as they claimed their second straight area championship.

"This team did an outstanding job winning the area tournament," stated Elba's Coach Amelia Rhoades, "and I am so pleased with the way we played together on the court. Especially like it when a new group of girls gets to experience it and that is what brings me back each year."

Elba opened the tournament action against Samson and survived a scare in the first game to claim a 26-24, 25-15 win. Ashleigh Waddall had 15 service points, including 5 aces and 8 straight points in one game, to lead the Lady Tigers, while the talented senior also added 10 kills and 1 block. Anna Petty had 9 service points and 2 assists, while Melanie Mularz and Whitney Lawford both had 4 kills and Kendall Stinson and April Finedore added 7 assists apiece.

Elba took the court against Wicksburg in the semifinals and rolled to a 25-11, 25-13 win. Melanie Mularz had a big game in the win as she recorded 12 service points, including 9 aces, and 10 straight service points, to go along with 3 kills and 4 digs.

Mularz pushed the lead back out to 18-13 with three service points, while Whitney Lawford added a late block and a three aces to lead the Lady Tigers to the win.

Ashleigh Waddall recorded 12 service points, including 4 aces and seven straight service points, as well as 4 kills. Melanie Mularz had 3 aces and 3 digs, while Anna Petty had 12 service points and 7 straight service points. April Finedore had 11 assists and Whitney Lawford had 1 block.

result was a conference loss. I am not an Auburn fan, but I still think the Tigers are a team to watch and could still claim the SEC crown.

*** In closing... Kinston earned its fifth straight trip to the state volleyball tournament over the weekend by winning the region title, and many Lady Bulldogs fans are convinced this will be the year the Kinston girls bring home another title. Elba missed out on the state tourney with a fourth place finish down in Mobile, but the Lady Tigers did have a winning season and made it clear they are a team to beat in the 2A ranks.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS THE PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by the office late Sunday afternoon and was already looking ahead to the high school playoffs and making predictions about which teams were ones to keep an eye on in the post-season party. The local guesser hit on 29 of 33 picks last week to push his yearly total to 221-42, and still contends his best week is still ahead. Guess we will see....

ELBA VS. PIKE COUNTY

The Pea River felines continued their late-season surge last week and will be looking to pull off the upset of the season Friday night when they host a batch of unbeaten Bulldogs from up across the county line. While it is true the felines have sharpened their claws in recent weeks and have enjoyed lighting up the scoreboard, these 'Dogs protect their endzone with a passion and hunt down their victims all over the field. The scoreboard may very well blow a fuse, but it may be on the wrong side for the feline fans.

PIKE COUNTY 45 ELBA 14

NEW BROCKTON VS. KINSTON

The bull pups from down the road saw their playoff hopes dashed last week and will be playing for nothing but pride Friday night when their cross-county rivals from over in 'Brocton pay a visit. Their feathered friends will also see their season end when the clock ticks down to :00, but they should close out the season with a big win.

NEW BROCKTON 41 KINSTON 12

ZION CHAPEL VS. J.F. SHIELDS

The Rebels will camp out at Jack this week and word is a bunch of cats from over near the state line are headed their way looking to fatten up on the playoff bound soldiers. If the Rebels get caught looking ahead the cats would very well take home a win. However, the guess here is that the men in gray will be ready and will have cat skins hanging on the trees by morning.

ZION CHAPEL 34 J.F. SHIELDS 20

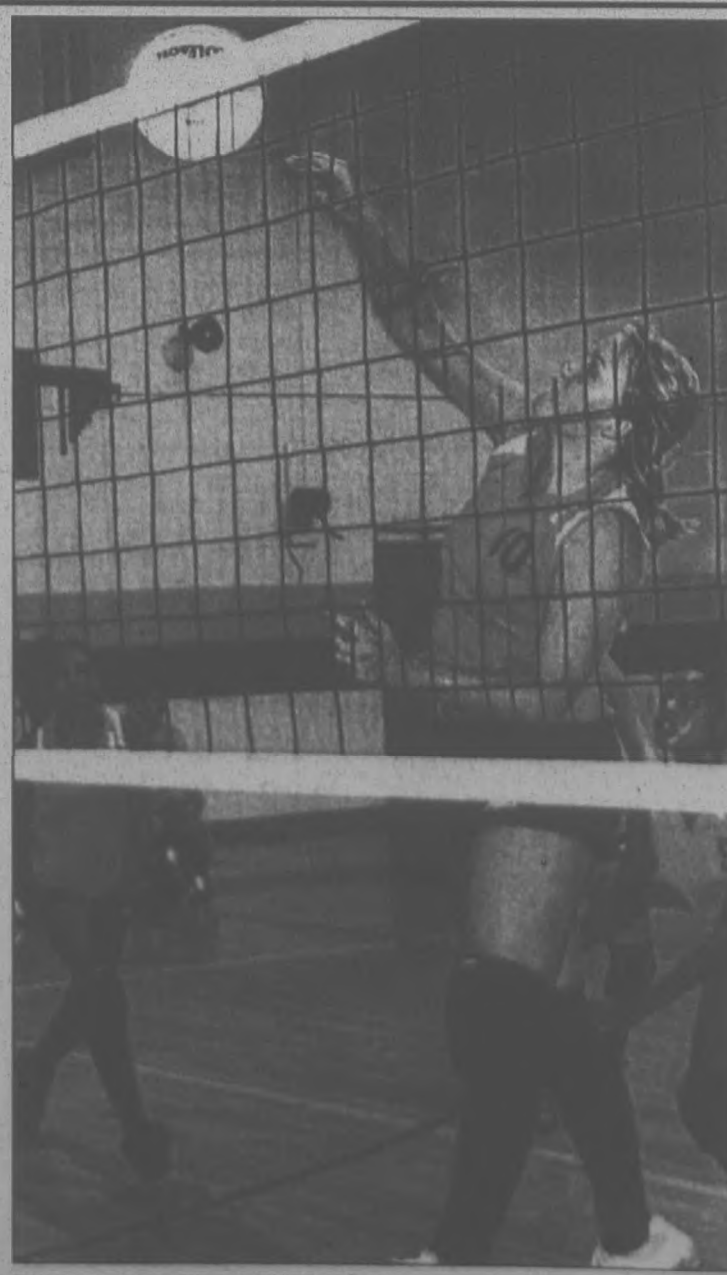
BRANTLEY VS. LUVERNE

The Bulldogs from across the river will get an early start on the action this week when they head up the road Thursday night for a big cross-county clash with a batch of kitties from the "Friendliest City." The kitties won't be quite so friendly when the dogs trot onto the field, but neither will the dogs and the guess here is fur will be flying.

BRANTLEY 26 LUVERNE 14

OTHER PICKS:

Arlton 15 G.W. Long 13
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Rehobeth 21 Slocumb 7
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Elba Lady Tiger Whitney Lawford delivers a kill in recent volleyball action. Elba placed fourth last week in the Class 2A, Region Tournament.

(Photo by Laura Baxley)

SPORTS



A PACKED HOUSE - The biggest crowd of the season jammed into Bulldog Stadium Friday night to help celebrate homecoming and watch the Kinston Bulldogs battle the Zion Chapel Rebels.

Rebels run into playoffs with big 50-20 win over Kinston

Statistics by Scott Johnson and Harry White
Photos by Mary Johnson and Harry White

The Zion Chapel Rebels clinched a berth in next week's state football playoffs Friday night by running past the Kinston Bulldogs 50-20, at Kinston.

The Rebels upped their record to 5-4 with the win, 4-3 in region play, while the Bulldogs saw their record slip to 4-5 with the loss, 3-4 in region competition.

Zion Chapel received the opening kickoff and gave the huge crowd on hand a preview of things to come as the Rebels marched 70 yards to grab an early lead. Hunter Wise and Abe Childs had big runs to lead the Rebels to a pair of first downs, while a key play in the long scoring march came on a fourth down and one when Wise burst through a hole and rambled to the Kinston 55-yardline. Zion Chapel scored on the next play when Wise turned the corner and raced 35 yards for a touchdown, and Logan Carley kicked the extra-point to put the Rebels on top 7-0 with 7:54 left in the first quarter.

Kinston's Anthony Weeks returned the ensuing kickoff to the Bulldogs' 46-yardline and stunned the Rebels when on third down Aaron Jacobs rolled out and hit Lee McCrummen, who broke free and rambled 54 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point try was blocked by Zion Chapel's Luke Peters, and with 7:20 remaining in the opening quarter Zion Chapel's lead stood at 7-6.

The Rebels began their next possession at their own 41-yardline and this time needed only three plays to cover the distance into the endzone. Abe Childs scored the touchdown on a 46-yard dash down the left sidelines and Logan Carley added the extra-point as the Rebels' lead went to 14-6 with 6:16 still remaining in the first quarter.

A 10-yard loss on a sack by Zion Chapel's Todd Grant forced a Bulldog punt on Kinston's next possession, but the Bulldogs got the ball back on a fourth down stop by Lee

McCrummen and Kinston responded by driving deep into Rebel territory. A pass from Aaron Jacobs to Charlie Hercus and big runs by McCrummen and Jonathan Edwards were key plays in the drive. However, Zion Chapel repelled the attack and regained possession when the 'Dogs failed to convert on a fourth down play.

After scoring two rushing touchdowns early, the Rebels went to the air for their next two scores. Big runs by Hunter Wise and Kelsey Roberts helped Zion Chapel move to the Kinston 31-yardline, where Joey Jones pulled in an Abe Childs toss and broke free down the right sidelines on a 30-yard touchdown scamper. Charlie Hercus and Anthony Weeks combined to stop the two-point conversion, but with 3:31 left in the first quarter Zion Chapel was on top 20-6.

Three big running plays set up the next Kinston score. After a short completion to Anthony Weeks, Robert Yates broke off a 20-yard run to move the Bulldogs to the Zion Chapel 42-yardline. On third down and long Lee McCrummen was wrapped up at the line of scrimmage, but managed to lateral the ball back to Robert Yates, who cut around the end for a first down. On the next play Yates found a hole in the Rebel defense and broke free for another 20-yard dash to give the 'Dogs a first down and goal at the Zion Chapel 5. Lee McCrummen found the endzone on the next play and after a failed kick the Rebel lead was down to 20-12 with 4:06 left in the second quarter.

Zion Chapel extended its lead just before halftime after the Rebels' Hunter Wise got the call on three straight plays and moved the ball to the Kinston 27-yardline. Defensive stops by Kinston's David Davis, Erick Odum and Lee McCrummen forced a fourth down, but the Rebels' Abe Childs completed his second touchdown pass of the half when he spotted Gatlin Carley open in the corner of the endzone and fired a strike from 20 yards out. Hunter Wise ran in the two-point conversion and with 4:7 remaining in the



REBEL DEFENSE.... The Zion Chapel defense meets to stop a Kinston runner for a short gain in last week's big 50-20 region win over the Bulldogs. The win gave the Bulldogs a berth in the 1A football playoffs.

second quarter the Rebels were back in command with a 28-12 advantage.

On the first offensive series of the second half Kinston picked up a pair of first downs as Aaron Jacobs connected with John Moss to move the chains and then broke loose and rambled 23 yards. A sack by Zion Chapel's Todd Grant stalled the drive, however, and the Bulldogs were forced to punt the ball away.

The Rebels quickly crossed midfield behind the running of Hunter Wise and Byron McWaters, but the Bulldogs' Anthony Weeks stripped the ball away from a Rebel runner near the middle and returned the take-away 50 yards for a Kinston touchdown. Weeks pulled in a pass in the back of the endzone for the two-point conversion and with 5:58 remaining in the third quarter the Bulldogs had cut the Rebel's lead to 28-20.

The Rebels were determined to regain command did just that as they drove 62 yards on their next possession to get back into the endzone. Hunter Wise was the workhorse of the drive with seven carries and scored the touchdown on a 1-yard run. Abe Childs dove over for the two-point conversion and with 2:1 remaining in the third quarter the Rebels' lead was up to 36-20.

Zion Chapel added two touchdowns in the final quarter to pull away and claim the big region win. After a Kinston threat was denied by a pass interception at the Zion Chapel 3-yardline, the Rebels' Hunter Wise broke loose and raced 88 yards for a touchdown. Stetson Perry ran in the two-point conversion and with 6:43 remaining on the clock Zion Chapel had taken a 44-20 lead.

Kinston turned the ball over on downs at its own 35-yardline on its ensuing possession, and the Rebels took advantage of the short field to tack on one final score. Byron McWaters and Matt Brunson had big runs to lead the Rebels near the goal line, while the score came on a 1-yard run by McWaters with 1:34 left on the clock as Zion Chapel put the finishing touches on the 50-20 win.

Hunter Wise gained 235 yards on 27 carries and scored 2 touchdowns to lead Kinston, while Abe Childs gained 130 yards and scored 2 touchdowns on 9 carries and completed 4 of 8 passes for 64 yards and 2 touchdowns. Lee McCrummen gained 20 yards on 8 carries and pulled in a 54-yard touchdown pass to lead the Bulldogs, while Robert Yates added 60 yards rushing on 12 carries and Aaron Jacobs completed 8 of 20 passes for 125 yards.

STATISTICS

	K	ZC
1st Downs	12	24
Rushes-Yds.	32-102	51-436
Passing Yds.	125	64
Total Offense	227	500
8-21-1	8-21-1	4-8-0
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	0/0
Penalties-Yds.	5-45	5-40



2005 KINSTON HOMECOMING COURT...The students at Kinston High School selected the Homecoming Queen and Court to reign over festivities last Friday, Oct. 21. The queen and court were introduced prior to the football game where the Bulldogs took on region rival Zion Chapel Rebels. Candace Patterson (seated) was chosen as the 2005 Homecoming Queen. Her court included Sophomore attendant Kourtney Pierce, Freshman attendant Ashton Parker, Senior attendant Brittany Hunko, Senior attendant Haley Spears and Junior attendant Kaleigh Sanders.

Tigers to host undefeated Pike County Friday in final game of regular season

The Elba Tigers will be looking to close out the regular season with a winning record and pull off the upset of the year in high school football Friday night when they host the undefeated Pike County Bulldogs.

The Tigers will bring a 5-4 record into the clash, while the Bulldogs will enter the game with a 9-0 record and the #2 ranking in Class 3A. The Tigers got off to a slow 2-4 start this season and appeared on the verge of missing the 3A playoffs, but have rebounded in recent weeks with three straight wins and in those three games have outscored their opponents 111-15. The late-season surge has been sparked by the play of senior quarterback Brandon Kelley, who has passed for 636 yards and 11 touchdowns during the three-game winning streak.

The Elba defense had its troubles early on and gave up points in bunches, but it too has shown signs of improvement in recent weeks and has allowed only two touchdowns in its last 14 quarters of play. Linebackers Trey Davis and Kikko Logan have ignited the surge on defense, while Chase E. Boutwell, Lewis Johnson and Matthew Brunson have all come on strong up front.

The Pike County Bulldogs were expected to field one of their best teams ever this season and have done just that as the Bulldogs have rallied over nine straight opponents and are now considered a favorite to win the 3A state title. The Bulldogs have outscored their opponents 429-27 this season and have posted wins over B.T. Washington 27-6, W.S. Neal 34-7, Headland 61-0, Slocumb 34-0, Bullock County 77-0, Abbeville 91-0, Dale County 46-0, T.R. Miller 10-7 and Straughn 43-7.

Pike County has been led on offense by a trio of running backs in James Jackson, Darrell Reynolds and Jerel Foster, and a two-threat quarterback in Alonzo Foster. Jackson has rushed for over 800 yards and 10 touchdowns in the nine wins and has averaged almost nine yards a carry, while Reynolds has rushed for over 600 yards, scored 7 touchdowns and averaged almost 10 yards a carry. Foster gained 99 yards last week in a reserve role and gives the Bulldogs yet another offensive weapon, while quarterback Alonzo Foster gained 128 yards

on 21 carries last week against Straughn and during the season has passed for over 500 yards and 10 touchdowns.

While the Pike County offense has gotten a lot of publicity with its 77-point outburst against Bullock County and its 91-point performance against Abbeville, the Bulldog defense has been among the best in the state with five shut-outs in nine games and has allowed an average of only 3 points a game.

While this match-up appears to be a mismatch on paper, these two rivals have played many classics over the years and both teams are coming in with long winning streaks. It could be one to watch!

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SPORTS

Up record to 5-4

Gamecocks claw Bulldogs 30-7

Statistics and photos by
Michael Jenkins

The New Brockton Gamecocks snapped a three-game losing streak and set their sights back on posting a winning season Friday night by rolling past the Geneva County Bulldogs 30-7, at New Brockton.

The win upped New Brockton's record to 5-4 and gave the Gamecocks a final region record of 3-4.

The Gamecocks kicked off to open the game, but got the ball right back on a Bulldog punt and wasted little time getting on the scoreboard as they marched 64 yards in six plays to grab an early lead. The touchdown came on a 5-yard run by Justin West, and although the two-point try failed, New Brockton was on top 6-0 with 6:25 remaining in the first quarter.

New Brockton's Ted Eubanks intercepted a Geneva County pass on the Bulldogs' next possession to put the Gamecocks right back in business at their own 25-yardline, and Justin West quickly put the Gamecocks back in the endzone as he broke loose on the left side and raced 15 yards for a touchdown. Derrick Cook ran in the two-point conversion and with 1:25 left in the first quarter New Brockton was on top 14-0.

Geneva County was determined to get back in the game and did just that as the Bulldogs took the ensuing kickoff and set

sails on a 60-yard scoring drive. The drive was climaxed with a 24-yard touchdown pass from Jeremy Williams to Joe Pace, and the 'Dogs added the extra-point as they cut the Gamecock lead to 14-7 with 10:17 left in the second quarter.

New Brockton began its next possession at the Geneva County 49-yardline after a 38-yard kickoff return by Sheridan Foster, and Foster got the call again two plays later and this time raced 35 yards for a touchdown. Justin West ran in the two-point conversion and with 9:37 left in the second quarter New Brockton's lead stood at 22-7.

The Gamecocks next possession started at the New Brockton 42-yardline and again ended in points when Nathan Foster dropped back and found Ted Eubanks wide-open down the sidelines and connected with the speedy Gamecock receiver on a 34-yard touchdown toss. Derrick Cook ran in the two-point conversion and with 4:21 remaining in the second quarter the Gamecocks were in complete command with a 30-7 lead.

New Brockton threatened to add to its lead early in the third quarter and reached the Geneva County 3-yardline, but penalties backed the Gamecocks up to the 23-yardline and they failed to cash in on the scoring opportunity and the Gamecocks easily held on to post the 30-7 homecoming win.

Sheridan Foster gained 140

yards on 11 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead the Gamecocks on the ground, while Derrick Cook added 134 yards on 12 carries and Justin West gained 75 yards on 8 carries and scored 2 touchdowns. Nathan Foster completed 2 of 3 passes for 38 yards and 1 touchdown, with Ted Eubanks pulling in both passes.

Derrick Cook had 8 tackles to lead the New Brockton defense, while Justin West had 6 tackles and 2 sacks and Ted Eubanks had 5 tackles and a pass interception.

Brian Exley gained 45 yards on 12 carries to lead Geneva County, while Rodney Williams added 35 yards on 10 carries and Jeremy Williams gained 34 yards on 14 carries and completed 5 of 11 passes for 37 yards and 1 touchdown.

"Our winning season is on the line next week," stated Coach Shannon Clark after the win. "It is good to get back on the winning side of things and it will be big next week if we can go down to Kinston and get the win to secure our fourth straight winning season. We still have a little unfinished business we need to take care of next week."

STATISTICS

	NB	GC
1st Downs	15	10
Rushes-Yds.	38-361	34-104
Passing Yds.	38	37
Total Offense	399	141
Passes	2-3-0	5-11-1

AREA FOOTBALL
PREP PREVIEW

The high school football regular season will draw to a close this week for teams all across the state, and in the area the week #10 match-ups involve two cross-county clashes and an intra-county matchup occurring for the second time ever.

Following is a preview of this week's games:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

(8-1) Brantley Bulldogs at (8-1) Laverne Tigers

The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to run its winning streak to nine games and continue its ride into the playoffs tonight (Thursday) when they head up to Laverne to battle the always dangerous Laverne Tigers.

The Bulldogs closed out their fourth straight winning season through the region last week with a 57-0 win over McKenzie, and will be hoping to post their ninth win of the year with a win over the Tigers. Laverne will bring an 8-1 record into the annual clash and the Tigers are also looking to gain some momentum heading into the playoffs.

Laverne's wins have come over Opp 35-12, Matlary 33-20, Horsehoe Bend 40-4, Elba 42-39, G.W. Long 28-0, Beulah 58-0, B.B. Comer 34-0 and Lanett 54-53, with its only loss coming to Highland Home 27-20.

The stadium will be packed and the emotions will be a fever pitch when these two long time rivals kick it off, making it the top game in the area.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

(5-4) New Brockton Gamecocks at (4-5) Kinston Rebels

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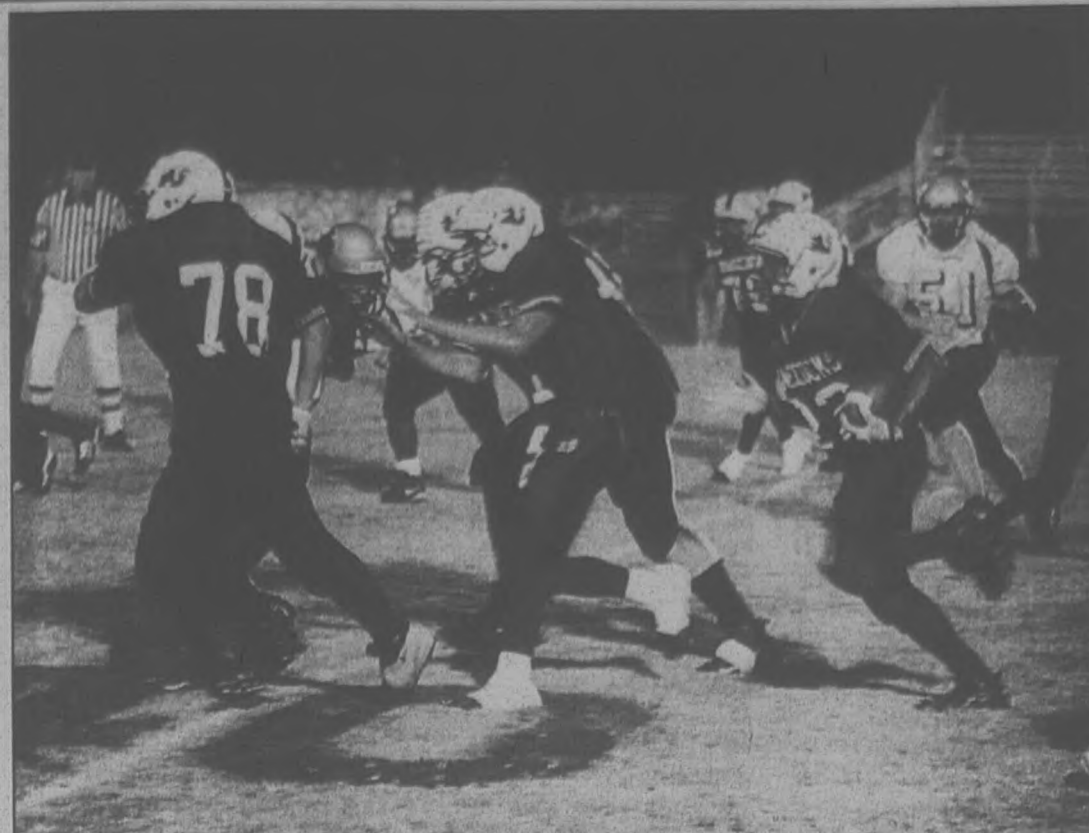
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New Brockton Gamecock running back Sheridan Foster (22) follows his teammates around the corner for a big gain. Foster gained 140 yards on 11 carries and scored 1 touchdown last week in the Gamecocks' 30-7 win over Geneva County. Leading the wall of blockers is Adam Crosby (78).



Brantley Bulldog running back Jeffery Daniels (10) trots into the endzone for a touchdown in last week's 57-0 win over McKenzie. Daniels pulled in a swing pass and easily scored to put the Bulldogs ahead 12-0 early in the game.

For 28th straight region win

Brantley Bulldogs tame Tigers 57-0

Story and photos by Greg Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs traveled to McKenzie Friday night for a region clash with the home standing Tigers and dominated the game from start to finish as the Bulldogs' offense scored nine touchdowns in ten possessions and the defense held McKenzie to only six yards in total offense in an easy 57-0 win.

The first Brantley scoring drive of the night covered 38 yards in only two plays. The first play was a 19-yard pass completion from Edgar Walker to Thad Frazier, while the second play went for a score as Walker connected with Terry McClain from 19 yards out. The extra-point failed and with 9:21 remaining in the first quarter the Bulldogs were already on top 6-0.

The second Brantley score came on a 10-yard swing pass from Walker to Jeffery Daniels and capped off a 52-yard drive that required only four plays. The extra-point again failed, but with 5:44 left in the first quarter Brantley was ahead 12-0 and the rout was on.

A 39-yard punt return by Chris Booker set the Bulldogs up at the Tiger 11-yardline late in the quarter, and Booker went straight up the middle from a yard out to score the touchdown. Marcus Owens kicked the extra-point and with 2:25 remaining in the first quarter Brantley's lead was at 19-0.

The Bulldogs next score came on their next offensive possession when James Pittman went 49 yards on the second play of the series to cap off a two-play, 50-yard scoring march. Chris Booker ran in the two-point conversion and with 9:59 left in

the second quarter the Bulldogs were ahead 27-0.

The Brantley defense held the Tigers to a three and out on the game's next offensive series, and Brantley's Thad Frazier returned the Tiger punt 24 yards to set the Bulldogs up at the McKenzie 32-yardline. Five plays later Billy Frazier took a hand-off on a draw play and raced 16 yards for a touchdown, and the 'Dogs didn't attempt the extra-point as their lead went to 33-0 with 6:48 remaining in the half.

Roy-L. Knight returned the next McKenzie punt 34 yards to put the Bulldogs back in business at the Tigers' 26-yardline, and two runs by Rick Wiley resulted in a first down at the Tiger 14. Three plays later Jonathan Helms scored on a 5-yard dash around the right end, and Helms took a knee on the extra-point try as Brantley moved ahead 39-0 with :45 remaining in the half.

Brantley began the second half with its worst field-position of the game at its own 35-yardline as the second half kick sailed out of bounds. It took the Bulldogs only five yards to cover the extra distance into the endzone, however, as they marched 65 yards and scored on a 5-yard run by Jon Tyson to move on top 45-0 with 5:34 remaining in the third quarter.

Brantley began a drive at the McKenzie 45-yardline after an exchange of punts and four plays later Roy-L. Knight took off on the most exciting play of the night as he rolled to the left, reversed his field, got a big block from Channing Booker and went 25 yards into the endzone to push the Bulldogs' lead to 51-0.

Billy Frazier set up the final score of the night when he

recovered a McKenzie fumble at the Tigers' 33-yardline, and six plays later the Bulldogs were in the endzone for the final time in the game as Justin Wright scored on a 17-yard sprint to make the final Brantley 57 McKenzie 0.

	B	M
1st Downs	14	2
Rushes-Yds.	27-266	25-6
Passing Yds.	121	0
Total Offense	387	6
Passes	8-13-0	0-10-0
Return Yds.	107	104
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Penalties-Yds.	3-30	2-7
Punts-Ave.	1-39	8-30



Brantley's Billy Frazier (4) looks for room to run in last week's big 57-0 win over McKenzie. Frazier gained 46 yards on 6 carries in the region win.

SPORTS

Claim 5th win of season

Tigers soar past Samson 48-8

By Ricky Mulaz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers continued their late-season surge Friday night with an easy 48-8 win over the out-matched Samson Tigers, in Samson.

The win was the third straight for Elba and upped the Tigers' record to 5-4, while Samson saw its record slip to 1-8 with the loss.

Elba kicked off to open the game, but got the ball right back at its own 45-yardline after a short Samson punt and after a pair of penalties needed only one play to get on the scoreboard as Brandon Kelley connected with LaRay Williams over the middle and Williams broke a tackle at midfield and raced 60 yards for a touchdown.

Rell Kelley added the extra-point and with 8:49 remaining in the first quarter Elba was on top 7-0.

Elba regained possession at its own 45-yardline after another Samson punt and this time needed three plays to get back in the endzone. Brandon Kelley completed passes to Reymar Rogers and Frank Morris on the first two plays of the possession for a total of 20 yards, while the touchdown came on a screen pass from Kelley to Kikko Logan that covered 35 yards. Rell Kelley booted the extra-point and with 6:28 left in the opening quarter Elba's lead was up to 14-0.

The Elba defense stopped Samson on a fourth down and two at the Samson 40-yardline on the game's next possession,

and this time it took the Tigers from Coffee County three more plays to get back in the endzone. A 30-yard run by Stefam Burks was a key play in the quick scoring drive, while the score came on a 10-yard pass from Brandon Kelley to Reymar Rogers. Rell Kelley added the extra-point as Elba increased its lead to 21-0 with 3:14 still left in the first quarter.

Elba started its next possession at its own 44-yardline after another unsuccessful fourth down gamble by Samson, and this time Elba needed only two plays to add to its lead as on second down and ten Brandon Kelley connected with LaRay Williams on a screen pass and the speedy Tiger receiver raced 56 yards untouched for a touchdown on the final play of the first quarter. Rell Kelley booted the extra-point and after one quarter of play Elba owned a big 28-0 advantage.

Elba put the ball in play at its 40-yardline midway through the second quarter after a Samson punt and three plays later was right back in the endzone. Brandon Kelley completed passes of 16 yards to Mason Guiley and 17 yards to Reymar Rogers to get the drive started, while the score came on a 29-yard pass to Guiley. Rell Kelley hit his fifth extra-point of the half and with 6:19 remaining in the half Elba was in command with a 35-0 lead.

Samson began a drive toward the Elba endzone on its ensuing possession and behind the running of Anthony Mulligan reached a first down at the Elba 25-yardline. A 9-yard loss on a quarterback sack by Elba's Trey Davis backed Samson up, and on fourth down Davis again broke through the line and forced Samson's Barney McCrummen to get rid of the football to avoid the rush. The pass went straight into the arms of Elba linebacker Kikko Logan, and Logan rambled 76 yards with the interception for yet another Elba touchdown. Rell Kelley tacked on the extra-point and at the half Elba went in with a lopsided 42-0 lead.

Elba received the second half kickoff and needed only two plays to reach the endzone. A 56-yard pass from Trey Martin to LaRay Williams moved the Tigers to the Samson 2-yardline, while Martin sneaked over on the next play for a touchdown. Kelley's extra-point sailed wide and with 8:41 left in the third quarter Elba's lead had ballooned to 48-0.

Samson began its ensuing drive at its own 26-yardline and marched 74 yards in 17 running plays to get on the scoreboard. Anthony Mulligan was the workhorse of the drive with 11 carries for 63 yards, and scored the touchdown on an 8-yard dash. Mulligan also ran in the two-point conversion and with quarter Elba's lead stood at 48-8.

Elba threatened again late in the game and reached the

Samson 24-yardline after a 30-yard run by Dakell Berry. However, a pass interception stopped the march and when the clock reached :00 Elba owned the big win 48-8.

Brandon Kelley completed 9 of 10 passes for 243 yards and 5 touchdowns to lead the Elba offense, with LaRay Williams pulling in 3 passes for 172 yards and 2 touchdowns. Mason Guiley caught 2 passes for 45 yards and one score, while Kikko Logan and Reymar Rogers also pulled in touchdown passes.

Kikko Logan had 6 tackles, one assist and an interception return for a touchdown to lead the Elba defense, while Chase E. Boutwell added 6 tackles and Dimetrio Tyson had 5 stops and 1 assist.

Anthony Mulligan gained 134 yards on 26 carries to lead Samson.

STATISTICS

	E	S
1st Downs	11	11
Rushes-Yds.	4-40	39-150
Passing Yds.	299	6
Total Offense	359	156
Passes	10-13-1	1-6-1
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	2/0
Punts-Ave.	0-00	3-31
Penalties-Yds.	2-20	3-15



Elba Tiger receiver LaRay Williams (5) goes high to pull in a pass last week in the Tigers' 48-8 win over Samson. Williams caught 3 passes for 172 yards and 2 touchdowns in the region win.

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A GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY was held in New Brockton last Saturday afternoon, Oct. 22, for Mayberry USA, a joint project between local developer Ronnie Gilley of Enterprise and country music star Tracy Lawrence. Gilley and Lawrence were joined by New Brockton town officials, state representative Terry Spicer and project financial officers for the traditional breaking of ground.

Elba Christmas festival and parade set for Saturday, Nov. 26

For the past seventeen years, artists and vendors from across the area have set up camp in downtown Elba the Saturday after Thanksgiving. They are returning for another year to provide the sights, sounds and smells that make up the Elba Christmas Festival.

The festival starts at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 26, with an assortment of entertainment on the main stage in front of the Coffee County Courthouse in downtown Elba. There will be concessions, arts & crafts vendors and activities for the children.

A new feature this year will be the live reindeer attraction. This will attract citizens of all ages to the festival who hope to get a look at Santa's beautiful creatures, as well as, have a chance to have a picture made with the reindeer.

"We have a special treat coming with the reindeer," said Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. "They will be on the square all day and in the parade. I have tried to get the reindeer to come to the Christmas Festival for several years and thanks to those businesses that have agreed to sponsor them this year, we finally have been able to do that."

More than 50 vendors from across the area will showcase their work. Along with past familiar favorites, many new and exciting vendors will display their work.

In addition to being attractive

to visitors, the festival is also a welcome sight for many downtown business owners. With the festival comes increased visibility and commerce for downtown businesses, according to store owner Al Baxter.

"Most businesses on the square enjoy increased traffic throughout the day," he said. "Later in the afternoon will be the annual Christmas Parade. The parade is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. following the festival. In the case of rain, the parade will be held on the following Monday at 5:30 p.m."

The 2005 Festival is sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact Kaye Whitworth or Eva Medlock at the chamber by calling (334) 897-3125.

Happy Halloween

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New Brockton enjoys annual Homecoming parade



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Robyn

COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

REVENUES					
STATE	\$8,956,776.88				
FEDERAL	1,815,300.50				
LOCAL	3,334,518.98				
OTHER	27,136.37				
TOTAL REVENUES	14,233,732.53				
OTHER FINANCING					
FUND TRANSFERS IN	585,754.86				
OTHER SOURCES	1,086,921.67				
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING	1,662,676.53				
TOTAL REVENUE & OTHER FINANCING	15,896,409.06				
		FUND BALANCE 10-01-04	\$ 15,896,409.06		
		TOTAL	\$ 8,452,599.82		
			\$ 22,348,008.88		
EXPENDITURES					
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	\$ 7,387,484.47				
INSTRUCT. SUPPORT SERV.	1,980,229.04				
OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	895,415.74				
AUXILIARY SERVICES	1,835,012.64				
GENERAL ADMIN. SERV.	577,638.55				
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,322,023.97				
DEBT SERVICE					
PRINCIPAL	222,125.09				
INTEREST	67,902.76				
OTHER DEBT SERV.	2,868.17				
OTHER EXPENDITURES	250,244.62				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 14,760,944.97				
OTHER FUND USES					
TRANSFERS OUT	\$ 565,754.86				
OTHER FUND USES	\$ -				
TOTAL OTHER FUND USES	\$ 565,754.86				
TOTAL EXPEND. & OTHER FUND USES	\$ 15,316,899.83				
		FUND BALANCE 9-30-05	\$ 15,316,899.83		
		TOTAL	\$ 7,032,309.05		
			\$ 22,348,008.88		
OUTSTANDING WARRANTS					
1992 SPECIAL TAX	\$ 436,000.00				
1993 DISTRICT TAX	220,000.00				
2000 ST CAP PURCHASE-PSF	475,755.00				

SCHEDULE OF DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS TO MATURITY:

YEAR ENDED		1992 SERIES		1993 SERIES		2000 CAPITAL PURCHASE		TOTAL
		PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	
SEPT 30, 2006	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 27,187.50	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 11,562.50	\$ 23,295.00	\$ 26,698.00	\$ 293,743.00	
2007	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 18,750.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 7,187.50	\$ 24,514.00	\$ 25,476.00	\$ 280,827.50	
2008	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 5,328.50	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 25,807.00	\$ 24,188.00	\$ 282,823.50	
2009-2013					\$ 151,442.00	\$ 98,518.00	\$ 249,958.00	
2014-2018					\$ 200,891.00	\$ 49,242.00	\$ 249,933.00	
2019-2023					\$ 50,005.73	\$ 2,718.00	\$ 52,723.73	
TOTAL	\$ 435,000.00	\$ 51,266.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 21,250.00	\$ 475,764.73	\$ 228,858.00	\$ 1,430,108.73	

THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS CORRECT TO MY BEST KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF AND IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, ELBA, ALABAMA.

Linda B. Ingram
LINDA B. INGRAM SUPERINTENDENT, COFFEE COUNTY SCHOOLS

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